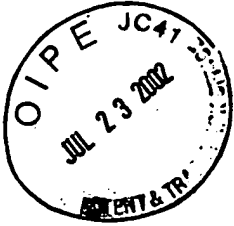


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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action of March 4, 1996 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.116, Applicants proposes that this application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 19 (with the changes as shown in the attachment) to read
as follows:

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I, --19. (Twice Amended) A tissue rivet for holding two pieces of tissue together and to
prevent movement of said rivet in the tissue made of a bioabsorbable material,